

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant:	Michael Tolson	Confirmation No.: 4930
Serial No.:	09/852,971	Art Unit: 2454
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For:	METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR A PORTABLE INFORMATION AGENT	Customer No.: 33649

**MAIL STOP: AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Sir:

**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

In response to the Office Action mailed December 23, 2008, Applicant elects to prosecute the inventions of Group 1 (claims 1-2 and 4-20), with traversal on the following grounds. While the finding that the inventions are distinct and not obvious variants is not objected to, the Examiner has failed to establish that there is any basis for asserting that there would be a *serious* search and examination burden, such as described in MPEP 808.02. The Examiner has not shown that conducting a search for the elected inventions is not likely to result in finding art pertinent to the other inventions, and indeed, it appears that conducting such a search would likely find such pertinent art. Therefore, withdrawal of the restriction requirement is requested for that reason.